

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
(Psalm 19*)
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Luke 4.14-21

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

(Candlemas)
Malachi 3.1-5
(Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10)
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

Verse for the Week:

‘To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit’.
1 Corinthians 12 v8

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Malachi 3.1-5
Prayer: For our church officers Dot, Julianne, Janet and Brenda.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10
Prayer: For the church as it enters a period of interregnum; that momentum can be maintained and new gifts discovered.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 2.14-18
Prayer: For the various projects in hand to do with the church building; that money will be found and the necessary permissions given.

Thursday

Read: Luke 2.22-40
Prayer: For new church members and encouragement for existing ones.

Friday

Read: Exodus 13.1-16
Prayer: For our friends in Oak Chapel within the parish.

Saturday

Read: Romans 12.1-5
Prayer: For a blessing on our farms and fields as we look towards the spring.

Notices:



* All Saints Church Treasurer.

After 11 years of loyal service, our treasurer is stepping down after the APCM in April 2025. We are looking for someone to take on this role, which is at present a volunteer role. If you think you may be interested and have the skills for this role, or alternatively that you may prefer to take on part of its responsibilities, for example, reclaiming VAT or GIFT aid claims, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Sara Hall or Pete Brayne for further information. Anyone considered for this role will be subject to fulfilment of the diocesan safer recruitment procedure. Sara Hall 07504 272061
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* **Grow: Children, Youth and Schools** – a free course for people interested in improving our work with children, young people or schools, led by Sharon Blyth, the Diocesan Children's Mission Enabler. This is running online over 4 evenings. The first is 29th January at 7.30pm. To sign up and find out more, go to: <https://forms.gle/J1EyKC4CFPzHs5Aj9> or phone Sharon on 01392 294932.

Dates for your diary :



* Thursday 23rd January @ 2.30pm

We are invited by Fairplace Ladies Group to join them for an illustrated talk

'So you think it's all over - for another year' given by Canon Tim Newcombe.

He will explore what we include in our Christmas celebrations in Church and what we leave out!

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Church Services:



Sunday 26th January

(3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

08:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

09:30am

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

10:30am

Okehampton - Last Sunday Farewell Service

Exbourne - Joining Okehampton

11:00am

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Sunday 2nd February

(Candlemas/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9:30am

Exbourne - Family Service

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Meeth - All Age Worship

Belstone - Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Sourton - Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service

Hatherleigh - Holy Communion

Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Grapevine

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

26th Jan 2025



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Well, the day has finally arrived when we say a fond farewell to Stephen and wish him and Fiona every blessing in the next chapter of their lives. Retirement is rarely easy and, in the case of the clergy, it's not only an abrupt cessation of day-to-day work alongside a change in financial circumstances, but also moving to a new house and community. So, the first message today is that we should hold them in our prayers as they face all these changes. May God be with them in the packing and unpacking of boxes, the settling into a new home, finding their feet in a new church and community. Secondly, we give thanks for Stephen's ministry. We will all have our different memories and thoughts based on the contrasting ways we have interacted over the years. I can only speak for myself – obviously as a lay minister I have known Stephen quite a while through team meetings and the like but we are usually in different churches on a Sunday morning. But for a few years back in the 2000s I sang in the choir for Evensong at All Saints and that was when I encountered Stephen's excellent preaching: as today's verse puts it 'to one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge'. And perhaps to some are given both wisdom and knowledge, certainly I have listened to sermons from Stephen replete with both. And so too were those truly memorable on-line Lockdown services and sermons. Thank you Stephen and God bless.

Michael Winter